

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

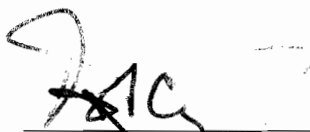
**DATE:** October 7, 2008

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to increase the  
statutory fee for service of  
process

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-7-08

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
INCREASE THE STATUTORY FEE FOR SERVICE OF  
PROCESS TO BETTER REFLECT THE ACTUAL COST OF  
SERVICE OF PROCESS

**WHEREAS**, section 30.231, Florida Statutes, provides that the fee for enforceable service of process by the Sheriff is \$20; and

**WHEREAS**, this fee has not been increased since 1994 and does not cover the actual cost of executing enforceable service of process; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$20 fee only covers approximately two-thirds of the cost of executing an enforceable service of process; and

**WHEREAS**, more than \$700,000 per year is required to supplement the service of process function within the Miami-Dade Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, The Senate Justice Appropriations Committee issued an Interim Project Report recommending that service of process fees be increased to cover their actual costs, see Interim Project Report No. 2006-144; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation was filed during the last few sessions that would have increased the enforceable service of process fee to better align the statutory fee with the actual cost of issuing enforceable service of process; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2008 session, the service of process bill, S.B. 300, passed both the House and Senate, but then died in returning messages,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass legislation that would increase the statutory fee for enforceable service of process from \$20 to an amount that better correlates with the actual cost of enforceable service of process.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2009 State Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty